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## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

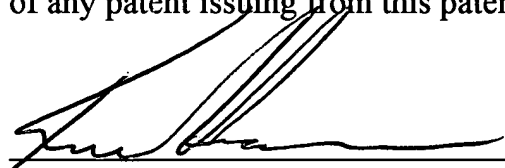
Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "PROCESSING TOOLS, COMPONENTS OF PROCESSING TOOLS, AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING SAME FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 15, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 291958159US); and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Applications as listed: (1) U.S. App. No. 09/804,697, entitled "SYSTEM FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY PROCESSING A WORKPIECE," filed on March 12, 2001, which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US/10120, filed on April 13, 2000, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/129,055, filed on April 13, 1999; (2) U.S. App. No. 09/604,198, filed June 27, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. App. No. 09/351,980, filed July 12, 1999, and issued on January 2, 2001, as U.S. Patent No. 6,168,695; (3) U.S. App. No. 08/990,107, filed December 15, 1997; (4) U.S. App. No. 09/386,566, filed August 31, 1999; (5) U.S. App. No. 09/041,901, filed March 13, 1998; (6) U.S. App. No. 09/113,435, filed July 10, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. App. No. 09/041,901, filed March 13, 1998; (7) U.S. App. No. 09/437,926, filed November 11, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional App. Nos. 60/226,750, filed January 23, 1999 and 60/117,474, filed January 27, 1999; and (8) U.S. App. No. 09/618,707, filed July 18, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. App. No. 08/991,062, filed December 15, 1997, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,091,498, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. App. Nos. 08/940,524, filed September 30, 1997, and 08/680,056, filed July 15, 1996; .

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the present application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

  
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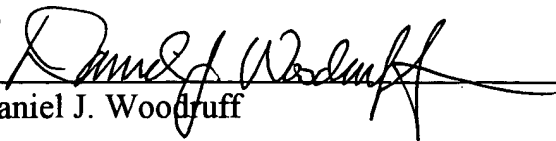
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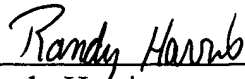
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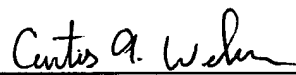
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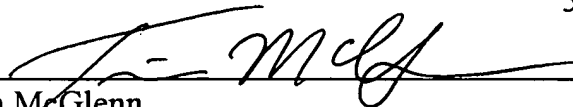
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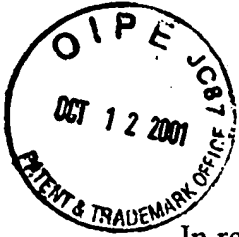
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Curtis A. Weber, Tim McGlenn,  
Timothy A. Anderson, and Daniel P. Bexten )

) Docket No.: 29195.8159US  
) Semitool Number: P01-0034

Filed: June 15, 2001 )

For: )

PROCESSING TOOLS, COMPONENTS  
OF PROCESSING TOOLS, AND  
METHOD OF MAKING AND USING  
SAME FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL  
PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES )

ASSIGNMENT:

X  Enclosed for recording

Previously recorded

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to **Semitool, Inc.** (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Montana, having a place of business at 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and is entitled **"PROCESSING TOOLS, COMPONENTS OF PROCESSING TOOLS, AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING SAME FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES"**; such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of

such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States of America;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

  
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Kyle M. Hanson

Date: 7/11/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Foothill) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Eric R. Filler

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Steve Eudy  
Steve L. Eudy

Date: 7-13-01

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 12 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Michael R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Thomas L. Ritzdorf  
Thomas L. Ritzdorf

Date: 7/30/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 30 day of July, 2001 personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Michael R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04



Gregory J. Wilson  
Gregory J. Wilson

Date: 8/13/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 13 day of August, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Grace R. Pike

My Commission Expires March 20, 04

Daniel J. Woodruff  
Daniel J. Woodruff

Date: 7/16/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 16 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Grace R. Pike

My Commission Expires March 20, 04

Randy Harris Date: 8/31/01  
Randy Harris

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 3 day of Aug, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Michael R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Curtis A. Weber Date: 9/6/01  
Curtis A. Weber

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 6 day of Sept, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Michael R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Tim McGlenn  
Tim McGlenn

Date: 7/10/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

) ss.  
County of Flathead

BEFORE ME, this 10 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Debra R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Timothy A. Anderson  
Timothy A. Anderson

Date: 7/14/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

) ss.  
County of Flathead

BEFORE ME, this 10 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Debra R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04

Daniel P. Bexten Date: 9/10/01  
Daniel P. Bexten

STATE OF MONTANA)

County of Flathead) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 10 day of Sept, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

SEAL

Notary or Consular Officer Michael R. Pike

My Commission Expires 3/20/04